

## DEATH COMES ON MINISTER WHILE IN PULPIT

### Trainmen Killed In Train Wreck

#### Rev. Wm. David Kirkland falls in pulpit while preaching

Rev. Wm. D. Kirkland well known minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, while preaching last Sunday night at St. Peter, Marion, Miss., fell in the pulpit.

##### HIS FALL WAS UNTO DEATH

According to reports Rev. Kirkland was rushed to the Hospital and given the best of attention, but he died within a short while. He leaves a large family to mourn his passing.

##### DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT MAKES APPEAL

Rev. Kirkland, at the time of his death because of the depression and receiving poor salary, was carrying no insurance at all according to reports. It is reported that he had saved a portion of his earnings and deposited it in a bank, but that bank failed with his money in it and has never been reorganized. This, with many other handicaps. This caused this death to be one of pity. Rev. L. E. Johnson, the Presiding Elder of this fallen pastor is making an appeal to friends to help bury this minister who fell on the field.

The Weekly Echo wishes to urge all persons who feel disposed to give from a 3c stamp up for this cause, mail it, send it, or bring it to the office and we will gladly receipt you and publish the names of all persons who contribute through the columns of the paper. He fell by the way trying to carry God's work on. Oftimes the Negro minister is a peace maker in the community among both white and black and we feel that we have white friends who will contribute to this cause. We are reliably informed that a white friend at Philadelphia, Mississippi donated free of charge a truck in order to carry the body from Meridian to his home at Philadelphia. This soldier died on the field. Are you willing to help in a case of his kind?

Editor

##### HAVEN CHAPEL SUNDAY SCHOOL

According to reports the Haven Chapel M. E. Church Sunday School has begun a successful year's work. 1932 was closed with satisfactory work for the year. This school is reported to have organized a Teachers' training course that is doing effective work. More than 20 accessions to the Church were added through the Sunday School, 1932.

The Temperance Society is being organized. Mrs. Ada Meadows supervises the cradle roll department, while Miss Olivia Cole has charge of the beginners. Miss Emma V. Thornton has charge of the Primary and intermediate department, while Miss Katie Burnett and Mrs. Martha Rhodes and J. Weidman head the young people department. Messrs. Henry C. Johnson, Jas. LaRone and Mrs. Laura Henson head the Senior and Adult Department. Mrs. Lizzie Boyd and Lillian P. Jones are active in this work. The School reports a total of \$72.95 disbursed during the year.

Reese Jamison, Supt.

Mr. Johnnie Eugene Porter has returned to Jackson, Miss., after spending the Xmas holidays with his mother and sister on the Asylum Heights. He will resume his studies in the Sophomore Class of which he is a member at Jackson College.

#### Back To The Farm

By Kelley Miller

The earth is now blanketed with ten inches of snow. The Farmers are experiencing a depth of depression even beyond that of their urban partners in distress. It does seem to be the height of audacity for me to sit in my comfortable library on such a morning as this and advise that the Negro should seek relief on the farm.

Manhatna Gandhi, the philosopher saint of India, finding his country bound hand and foot in the clutch of European machinery, advises them to eschew technocracy and revert to the more primitive processes of agriculture and the spinning wheel. No more audacious advice has ever been given by a leader to his people. His advice is based on that old philosophy of prudence: "Where 'tis hard to combat, learn to flee."

In my last release, I pointed out the gloomy prospect of the urban Negro. While in present numbers, he might linger there and find some sort of minor place of meager subsistence and comforts, yet there is there no promised land to fulfill his hopes, ambition and aspirations. The urban, Negro, like the under brush in the forest is shut out from the sunlight by the overtowering surroundings. While he may be shielded and sheltered from the stormy blasts he must pay the price of that protection by being destined to an emaciated and puny growth. No human group can become robust and vigorous by being brought up in the shade. Every vigorous and robust people must find a place in the sun.

The whites are now abandoning the farm because of the hard conditions of existence. They are filling up the cities and monopolizing every available avenue of opportunity. Belonging to the preferred class they take what they choose and leave the Negro only the leavings. In order to survive in this industrial conflict, we must learn to out work and under live our white competitor. This has been the secret and method of the Jew throughout the ages. He has thriven on what the Gentiles disdained. Every time the white man abandons a farm, especially in the milder latitudes which furnish a congenial habitat, I would like to see the Negro take it up. He should value what the white man surrenders just as the Jew has worked his way to independence and competence by dealing in cast off clothing and second hand junk. The conditions on the farm are indeed hard and exacting. It is utterly impossible to maintain the urban standard of living. But subsistence is possible which is more than can be said of the urban Negro should depression and unemployment hold out as they now threaten to do.

On the land, the Negro is on terms of comparative equality with white competitors. The ground will yield with equal readiness to the persussion of white or black tiller. The markets are color blind. Whereas he is hopelessly out pointed in city competition, in the country he has an even break. In the city he is suppressed below the level of white competition and is relegated to the lower ranks of manual and menial service. However thrifty, the waiter, the domestic and the hired hand worker may seem to be, he can never be of first class importance in the general scheme of things. Proprietorship develops character and power. The independent farmer is celebrated in song and story. But no muse has yet inspired the pen of gen-

ius to extol the cook the waiter and the scullian. Every farmer who owns or rents his farm becomes his own proprietor and directs his own energies. A farm is a tool of protection through which the owner makes a living. The city home is dead weight hung as it were about the neck of the owner. This is especially true of the city Negro who has been weighted down by extravagant homes and placed under a burden of debt under which he must stagger for another generation. The farm, I know, is also mortgaged but some way is bound to be found by the state and general governments to lessen the load of these farm incumbances.

I am no overnight convert to this doctrine. I have been preaching it for forty years. I have watched the inrush of Negroes to the cities with much misgivings. They are attracted to these glittering centers as the moth in the glare of the electric. In this urban movement, he imitates the white man without intelligence. The white man leaves the country for the city because he finds a better opportunity. Whatever opportunity the city affords are his. But the poor misguided Negro has no such advantage. He too often finds his last state worse than the first.

Some thirty years I exorlled the experiments then under way at Boley, Oklahoma and Mound Bayou, Mississippi. These bold enterprises have had their ups and downs during the past three decades. And yet they still stand out as being perhaps the boldest and most creditable effort of the Negro leadership being perhaps self direction along the line of associated endeavor.

Philanthropy which has been lavishing millions of dollars on Negro welfare might do well to turn serious attention towards the race to development of rural foundation which alone seems destined to assure him an important and permanent place in our industrial and economic scheme.

##### BRIGHT LIGHTS LURE ST. HELENA FARMERS

New York, Jan. 6—(ANP) Life in St. Helena Island, just off the coast of South Carolina, would be all right for the inhabitants, believes Dr. Clyde Vernon Kiser, white, if there were more gaiety. Living there, even without racial or political problems, is too dull, he finds. His opinions are included in a study of the Island which is published by the Columbia University press.

The population of St. Helena has dropped from 8,285 in 1900 to 4,458 in 1930, or about 45 per cent.

"Racial, religious and political problems have played little part in the migration from St. Helena," Dr. Kiser declares. "St. Helenians do not encounter hardships because of color. They are independent land owners. There are no conditions approximating peonage, nor is there the yearly trek from farm to farm so frequently found in the cotton and tobacco areas. Although poor county schools exist, Islanders have access to Penn Normal, Industrial and Agricultural School, an institution unsurpassed by any of its kind in the country."

Many of the inhabitants who have left St. Helena now find their homes in this city.

##### BOY MURDERS BOY

Lewisburg, Tenn., Jan. 6—(ANP) In a fight at a dance hall Saturday night, Marshall Ledbetter, 18-years-old white boy, shot and killed James Moore, 18. The fight is alleged to have started over a debt.

#### J. R. E. LEE RECOVERS FROM ILLNESS

Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 6—(ANP) President J. R. E. Lee of the Florida A. & M. college, after a little more than two months confinement in the Strong Memorial Hospital of Rochester, N. Y., under the skilful care of Dr. Scott, specialist in Urinalysis, who operated upon him, has returned to his desk and is carrying on in his characteristically vigorous style.

President Lee met his teachers last Friday in the second general faculty meeting that he has been able to attend this year and thanked and congratulated his staff on the splendid manner in which they "carried on" during his absence. He specially commended Vice President Bragg and Business Manager J. R. E. Lee, Sr., and the Deans of the various divisions for the part that they planned in smoothly operating the school over the two month's period.

##### ALLEN CHAPEL

Sunday will be a high day at Allen Chapel Church. Sunday school will open at 9:30, Sam Chapman, Supt. Preaching will be done by the pastor, Rev. P. Butler Mrs. Johnnie Glispie reports that the Presiding Elder has made his visit and it was highly enjoyed.

##### PRESIDING ELDER RHODES HOLDS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

According to reports by Mrs. P. Butler, Rev. H. D. Rhodes, Presiding Elder of the Meridian District A. M. E. Church has held a successful quarterly conference at Allen Chapel.

They will conduct a 10 day meeting in the near future at Allen Chapel and the public is cordially invited.

Miss Rachel Smith of Washington, D. C. a competent graduate of Madam Causby's Beauty School in visiting her mother, Mrs. B. A. Booz of 3823 South Street.

Miss Smith is having many courties extended her while visiting her mother.

Miss B. L. Brown, Rep.

Mrs. Clara Amiker, of Chicago, Ill., spent the Christmas holidays with her sister Mrs. E. F. Young, Sr.

A turkey dinner was prepared Monday December 26th by Mrs. Young. Those who were present were Mrs. Clara Amiker, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Young and Mrs. Francis Alexander of Jackson Miss. The guests expressed themselves as having had an enjoyable evening.

There was a house party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Uler Trussell Wednesday night 1611-29th Avenue at which time a delicious three course menu was served. Radio music was enjoyed. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs, Mrs. Mattie Bell Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Bessie Kimbrew, Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy. All expressed themselves as having an enjoyable time.

##### NOTICE

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#### FINE WHITE GUARDSMAN WHO KILLED COLORED BOY

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 6—(ANP) John L. Gill, white, a young member of the Georgia National Guard, who shot Lawrence Gilmore a colored youth, 18 years old, in the back at the local fairgrounds, Thanksgiving Day, during an automobile race, was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter by a jury in the Superior court here Thursday. Judge Meldrim sentenced him to six months in jail and to pay a fine of \$1000.

Gilmore who was on guard at the fair grounds, claimed that young Gilmore was one of a crowd of Negroes who entered the enclosure through a hole in the fence without paying admission. He sought to drive them back and when they fled, fired. The bullet struck the lad in the back, hitting his spine, and coming out through his breast. Four witnesses testified to the shooting. Gill's young wife and four year-old boy were at the defense table during the trial. Young Gilmore was the son of Mrs. Emily Stiles Gilmore of 5 Stiles avenue.

##### QUITMAN

Dear Editor:

I want to report through the columns of the Echo the generosity of our white friends at Quitman and elsewhere.

The Parent-Teacher Association of our School, Shiloh, purposed to make up a Christmas tree for the children of the school and Community, especially the destituted ones. Straight Forward members of the P. T. A. felt free to solicit from our white friends Yuletide gifts. All of which helped wonderfully in decorating the tree, and bring Christmas spirit to many a child who had no other means of receiving it. And which is more the Chicago Mail Order Company has proven itself a neighbor to us in sending to us the contents of the following card.

December 21, 1932

Dear Miss Bartee:  
We have received a great many requests like yours, and as we are not able to help everyone who has asked, it has been necessary for us to tell many persons that we cannot be of service.

But we believe that you are going to be the means of helping many people in your community this Christmas, and so we are going to make a special effort to help you.

You will receive a large box of candy within a day or two to give to those who will have no other means of receiving any. We are glad to do our little part in bringing Christmas Cheer to your community.

Season's Greeting!

CHICAGO MAIL ORDER CO.

We greatly appreciate if we may use this method in showing our gratitude and hearty appreciation to our white friends and others for the Christlike spirit they have shown us this Christmas.

"We as a race miss many blessings by failing to ask" says Prof. J. M. Hopkins, principal, Lula Mae Lewis pupil of Shiloh School.

Little Miss Kartherine B. Terrell, daughter of Mrs. W. M. Terrell, arrived Sunday from Kewanee where she had been spending the holidays with Miss Telda Mae Lockard. Miss Lockard was the guest of her parents during the yuletide.

#### Trainmen Die And Suffer Injury As Train Is Wrecked

Decatur, Ill., Jan. 6—(ANP) London Simmons of this city, a cook on the Wabash railroad, was seriously injured and Engineer John Rapp of Springfield and Fireman H. L. Meyer of Decatur were killed when the Wabash Flyer enroute from Kansas City to Detroit was derailed after vandals had tampered with the track. The wreck occurred near Jacksonville, Ill., and officials found that a lodal had been filed from the switch, the switch turned and the red light which would have warned the engineer extinguished.

#### Tuskegee Faculty Seeks Runaway Son

Tuskegee Institute Ala. Jan. 6 (ANP) Jesse Whitfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse E. Whitfield of Tuskegee has been missing since September 8 and his parents are anxiously seeking him. The boy who was 18-years-old, five feet, ten inches tall and who weighed 145 pounds, has not been heard from since he left home, except for a letter from a boy who reported seeing him in Evansville, Ind., enroute to Chicago.

Members of the Little Pals Society Club were hostesses in the evening Sunday January 1st, entertaining at a delightful dinner party. They were entertained at the residence of Mrs. W. M. Terrell on 17th Avenue. Club colors were carried out, gold and blue. Their guests were Messrs. Josephus Kimball, William Crockett, James Luster, James Lloyd, James Bishop, Earl Collins, John Abney, Theodore Faulkner and John Pippins.

A real wholesome menu was served. The Club will meet at the home of Miss Laura Pierson, Sunday January 8, at 4:30 P. M. Members only.

Inspite of the very cold weather Sunday morning January 1st, The St. John Baptist Sunday School was opened by the Superintendent B. Brown with large attendance. Prof. Burns gave a real impressive review on the lesson. The Superintendent's brief remarks were enjoyed.

A short program will be rendered Sunday A. M. January 8th, preceding the 11 o'clock service. Solo-Annie Lou Mosley-Duett Miss Essie B. Page and Mrs. W. M. Terrell. Reading Mrs. Maggie Terry-Selection St. John Female Quartett.

##### NOTICE

The Negro Civic League will hold its regular Bi-monthly meeting Monday evening January 9th at 5 P. M. All members and friends are urged to be present as matters of particular importance will come up.

Dr. L. F. Brooks, President,  
C. L. Lindsay, Secretary.

##### VISIT RELATIVES

Mr. J. J. Holman of Topeka Kansas was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Leach, his sister and brother-in-law some few days ago. During the Christmas holidays he was the guest of Newell Chapel Church. He left the City December 29. He expressed himself as having spent a pleasant stay.

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